

would, so he has said more than once, gladly
 give up his
 one year of juniority in return for an
 assurance that when
 Death comes to either, it may come to both
 They have
 their own quaint ways of expressing this
 close affection
 Once, when they had as guests a young
 couple to whom
 they are much attached, they took them out
 for a walk
 Sidney and the husband got on ahead
 He looked back
 at the other two

"I can tell you what Beatrice is saying to
 your wife "

"Yes?"

"She is telling her that we call marriage
 the waste-
 paper basket of the emotions "

They waited for the ladies to join them
 When they
 came up, they were asked what they had
 been talking
 about

"I was telling her that we call marriage the
 waste-paper
 basket of the emotions," said Beatrice

With this first premiss of mutual affection,
 the second
 condition of success is closely associated They
 are Socialists
 who have, with set intention, devoted their
 lives to the
 furtherance of their belief They have a view of
 happiness
 radically connected with it Tolstoi, when
 one of his
 sons was about to marry, wrote him a
 letter m which
 he speaks frankly of the disappointments often
 experienced
 in the state, and goes on

" All this, because the idea shared by many, that
 life is a vale of
 tears, is just as false as the idea shared by the
 great majority,
 the idea to which youth and health and riches
 incline you, that
 life is a place of entertainment Life is a place of
 service, and in

that service one has to suffer at times a great deal
that is hard to
bear, but more often to experience a great deal of
joy But that
joy can only be real if people look upon their lives as
service, and
have a definite object in life outside of themselves
and their own
happiness "1

¹ *Reminiscences of my Father*, Count Ilya Tolstoi